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PORTAGE AND MAIN

Private sector should pitch in for barricade tear down, says councillor



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

The private sector should help foot the bill to reopen Portage and Main to pedestrian traffic, says a city councillor.

Coun. Janice Lukes floated the idea past reporters on Tuesday, following a meeting of the infrastructure renewal and public works committee.

Private support could help fund at least a portion of what she expects to be a hefty bill if council votes to tear down the barricades of the downtown's historic intersection, she explained.

"There's a lot of factors in play here, it's not just pulling down pieces of concrete and putting up a few lights," said Lukes.

Not only did she cite the cost of removing the actual physical infrastruc-

ture, but the price — not to mention the logistics — of having to reroute transit and maintain service levels.

"We're hearing that the mayor really wants to see this happen for Canada 150. I think we can do anything we want in a city if we have the funding to support it," she said.

"Regardless of how you look at it, it's going to cost money."

Back in June, Bowman publicized his desire to see Portage and Main reopened in time for the 2017 Canada Summer Games, which start in late July.

On Tuesday, Lukes — a member of Bowman's inner circle and the budget working group — wouldn't comment as to whether reopening Portage and Main is being considered as a capital project in the 2017 budget.

But with a plan to release the preliminary budgets in just seven weeks, only time will tell. The firm Dillion Consulting recently submitted a transportation study to the city with options on how best to reintroduce foot traffic to the area.

A city report with recommendations based on those findings and potential costs is due back to the committee this fall.



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'We have a lot of work to do'

Crowds gather outside the Manitoba Legislature to honour missing and murdered indigenous women metroNEWS



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Taking a higher view

TRANSPORT CANADA

City looking into drone use rules and regulations



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

The City of Winnipeg will explore how to better help people understand Transport Canada's rules around flying drones or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

Coun. Scott Gillingham says that could be in the introduction of a new bylaw — or simply an awareness campaign.

Regardless of what the city decides, Metro rounded up a quick list of Transport Canada's flight rules:

Time of day

The federal regulator of drone or UAV usage says people should only fly during good daylight weather. Keep



This shot of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cemetery in Osborne Village demonstrates what drones are capable of. CONTRIBUTED

the drone at home when it's cloudy, foggy or nighttime.

No-drone zones

There are a number of what Transport Canada calls

no drone zones. Without special permission, users are not allowed to fly over populated areas or within 500 feet of moving vehicles, highways, bridges and buildings. Drones

are also not permitted to fly in national parks or within nine kilometres of airports, and helicopter or sea bases. There's absolutely no flying in areas where first respond-

ers are working.

Do I need a licence?

No, if you fly drones as a hobby you don't need special paperwork. However, if you plan to use your UAV for any-



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thing but fun — say for work, commercial purposes or research — you need to apply for a special flight operations certificate. You also need this document if your drone weighs more than 35 kilograms.

Consequences

Transport Canada says local police can get involved if people fail to follow the proper flight rules. Besides putting people's safety and privacy at risk, a drone user could face hefty fines if they don't follow the rules. For example, if someone was using a drone or UAV for research or work and didn't have a special flight operations certificate, they could face a \$5,000 fine.

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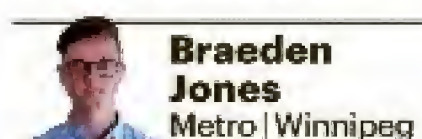
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Bat man needs helpful heroes

ANIMAL HEALTH

Expert calls on residents to help track homes of sick mammal



Braeden Jones
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Winnipeg's batman is worried a disease that has decimated the flying mammals elsewhere may be in Manitoba soon.

Dr. Craig Willis, who works in the University of Winnipeg's "bat lab," said an invasive fungal pathogen — white nose syndrome (WNS), which has killed millions of bats since arriving in Eastern North America less than a decade ago — is closer than ever before and "coming fast."

"It's as far west as Atikokan Ontario, for sure," Willis said.

The disease causes bats to burn through their stored food energy and water too fast during hibernation, killing them essentially through starvation or by sending them into the cold to find food.

As a result, Willis said some bat populations in eastern Canada have declined by

as much as 90 per cent in the past three years.

In some caves, Willis and his students have calculated mortality rates between 30 and 75 per cent.

"That's probably what we can expect here, mortality on the high end of that range or higher, because in Manitoba our winters are so long bats have to hibernate even longer," he said.

The dra-

a corn crop with and without bats present found a "huge increase in insect damage, insect pathogens," and "reduced yields."

"The average little brown bat can eat one kilogram of insects every summer... we know there are hundreds of thousands of bats (in Manitoba), so that means a lot of insect consumption we could lose," he said.

The little brown bat is listed as endangered in Manitoba because of the looming threat, thanks to a provision in the species-at-risk legislation that takes anticipatory action.

matic reduction in bat populations could be bad for the province on many levels.

Not only do bats eat "tonnes of mosquitos" — a plus for Manitoba summers — but they also eat other bugs that are detrimental to agriculture.

Willis said one study of

The Canadian Wildlife Federation is currently drumming up support with its #helpthebats campaign for donations — also encouraging people to share information on WNS and pledge to build bat houses — but Willis said there's something else that Manitobans can do to help.

"If people are aware of the disease, see bats fly-

time (this winter), they can contact Manitoba Conservation or go to our website batwatch.ca and tell us about it," he said, noting it's "crucially important" to find where WNS suffering bats came from to track the disease. "Most hibernacula (winter homes) are discovered after we find sick bats," he said.

1 In eastern Canada, some bat populations have declined by as much as 90 per cent over three years.

2 Dr. Craig Willis, a biology professor at the University of Winnipeg, says he has observed bat mortality rates ranging between 30 and 75 per cent. CONTRIBUTED



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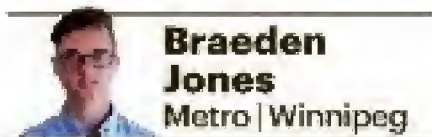
1 Hayley McDonald of Nisichiwayasihk Cree Nation performs in a traditional dress made for the occasion.

2 Chief Dennis Meeches of the Long Plains First Nation performs for the crowd of people gathered to remember MMIWG despite the rainfall, Tuesday.

3 Keewatin Otchitchak Jingle Dress dancers perform a traditional jingle dress dance with accompanying drums in support of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls.

4 Dancers explained the Jingle Dress dance originated with the Anishinabe people of the Lake of the Woods area in Ontario, and is a dance meant for the purpose of healing.

Event 'reaffirms' commitment to those lost



Rain couldn't stop the fourth annual Mamaway Kiskisitan Niwakomakanak event from taking

place in front of the Manitoba Legislature, Tuesday.

In fact the event, which coincides with the National Day of Remembrance for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG), has seen precipitation every year.

Many speakers remarked the rain is fitting for the gathering — sombre and tearful.

Southern Chiefs Organization member Grand Chief Terrance Nelson said the reason the event continues — even with an official federal inquiry launched in

the past year — is because it's necessary for "reaffirming and recommitting to make sure that this issue never dies out."

"We have a lot of work to do," Nelson said.

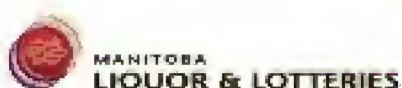
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Pushback on carbon tax

POLITICS

Critics asking how it will affect people, businesses

The Liberal government's decision to impose a national floor price on carbon emissions dominated the House of Commons on Tuesday, with critics saying the plan punishes consumers while doing little to combat climate change.

All but lost in the immediate, breathless reaction was the reality that the plan announced a day earlier by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau won't have much impact, if any, on 87 per cent of Canadians — or their carbon footprint — for the next four years.

That's because the rising floor price on CO2 emissions laid out in the federal Liberal plan starts at \$10 per tonne and takes until 2021 to catch up with and surpass existing carbon taxes already imposed by British Columbia and Alberta.

A group of 22 high-profile business and civil leaders endorsed the plan Tuesday, saying Canada is simply pricing emissions "as most of the world's biggest economies are doing."

The plan's cautious approach, however, is being overshadowed by Trudeau's audacious communications gambit.

Trudeau announced the national floor price Monday in the Commons just as federal, provincial and territorial ministers were meeting in Montreal to negotiate a pan-Canadian carbon plan.

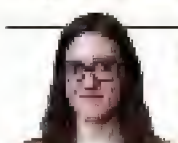
Three provincial ministers left the Montreal meeting early to protest the high-handed federal move, and opposition parties remained in high dudgeon Tuesday.

Faced with such discordant assessments, the debate naturally landed on the bottom line: What's it going to cost me?

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation and Brad Wall's Saskatchewan Party each offered up estimates for the annual cost to an average family, starting at \$1,250 a year and topping out at more than \$2,500. THE CANADIAN PRESS

INEQUALITY

Coffee shop ups prices — just for women



Rebecca Chiu
Metro | Toronto

Would you like your coffee with a side of inequality?

That's what was on the menu of Toronto's Tokyo Smoke Found for one special day.

"Don't know if you've noticed our menu today, but we actually charge based on gender," the barista tells a customer in a video posted to YouTube, in front of a

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menu marked with prices for women in pink. Large drip coffee? That'll be \$3.50 if you're a man, but an even \$5 if you're

a woman. The reaction is not positive, but that's the point.

The video aims to raise awareness about the "Pink Tax,"

which is blamed for women paying more than men for the same services and products.

How many times have you been baffled by how inexpensive men's haircuts are, or shocked by how much a dress costs to dry clean?

Needless to say, the shop's customers, both men and women, are not happy with the price difference. Some have strong words — "That's f-king weird" — while others walk away empty handed.



ROYAL VISIT PRINCE OF DARKNESS A "creepy" video of the recent royal tour in Canada has left some viewers gobsmacked. Kensington Palace tweeted out the short video on Saturday of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge with Prince George and Princess Charlotte at an outdoor children's party in Victoria. The family moves around in slow motion, playing with bubbles and balloons, to the sound of lagging, thumping music. Many people posted comments describing the video as "creepy" and "morose," while others compared it to a trailer for a horror movie. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Sexual Assault on Campus: A Metro Special Focus

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We have much to learn

Canada is far from the only nation struggling to recognize and combat campus sexual assault, but we're well behind the more proactive U.S. and only so far ahead of the lagging U.K.



Rosemary Westwood
Metro | Toronto

In 1985, the year I was born, the feminist Ms. Magazine published a groundbreaking national survey of campus rape in the U.S.

There has since been research in New Zealand, Canada and the U.K. — and Australia is about to embark on a landmark 40-school study.

So: The struggle to admit to, get a clear picture of and eliminate campus sexual assault is as old as I am; and Canada is by no means alone.

In fact, in terms of government regulation and accountability, we're stuck somewhere in between the more advanced U.S. and the lagging U.K.

In the American system, education falls under federal jurisdiction. That has been key to a far more aggressive and proactive stance on campus sexual assault. President Barack Obama's high-profile focus is only the latest chapter.

In 1990, the U.S. passed the Clery Act, which made it mandatory for universities to report sexual assaults, to have a dedicated policy and to offer supports for survivors. There was also Title IX, an amendment to education laws forbidding discrimination on the basis of sex. It was first passed in 1972 and began to be applied to sexual assault and harassment in the 1980s, beginning with a policy memorandum from the Office of Civil Rights at the Department of Education. That led to sexual-assault-survivor lawsuits against schools.

But then came *Gebser v. Lago Vista Independent School District*. The 1998 U.S. Supreme Court ruling, which centred on sexual misconduct between a teacher and student at a Texas high school, but which also applied to post-secondary institutions, held that schools were only liable for sexual assaults and harassment if they did not act after learning of them.

The ruling had a chilling

effect on the lawsuits, and a period of inertia and apathy followed, said Michele Dauber, a Stanford law professor and leading advocate on campus sexual assault. Schools "became much more worried about being sued by these alleged perpetrators," she said.

In 2011, the Obama administration released its 19-page "Dear Colleague" letter — a directive from the U.S. Department of Education — that called sexual violence discriminatory and a crime and explicitly stated universities' requirements to deal with it.

"It was pretty minimal," Dauber said. "It was, 'Stop violating civil rights.... You have to have a prompt and equitable resolution of complaints, and you have to tell the victim the outcome.'"

After the letter, students began filing complaints to the Office for Civil Rights. In May of 2014, the agency had more than 50 open files against schools, including Harvard and Princeton.

That same year, Obama launched the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault and the "It's On Us" campaign to raise awareness about sexual assault, for which Vice-President Joe Biden has

become a strident spokesperson.

In the U.K., thanks to guidance over two decades old, some universities have avoided any kind of reporting or disciplinary policies around sexual as-

sault. And there is no national legislation mandating either.

In 1994, Graham Zellick, then president of Queen Mary and Westfield College, led a task force on university disciplinary practices. The resulting report bluntly advised against investigating sexual assault: "Internal action for rape and sexual assault is out of the question," read the so-called Zellick guidelines, unless there's a guilty criminal verdict.

But a recent legal brief has challenged the stasis. Independently commissioned by the advocacy group End Violence Against Women Coalition and released in January of 2015 by human-rights lawyer Louise Whitfield, the brief argues that

follow the Zellick guidelines "are failing to protect women students and are very likely to be in breach of the law."

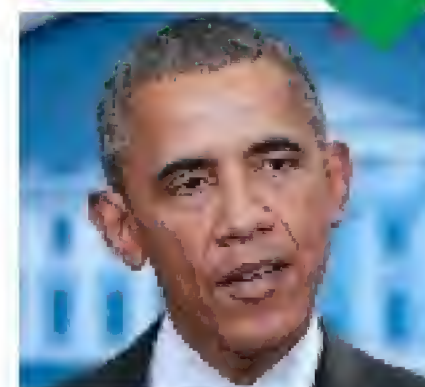
"That legal opinion really did focus minds," said Rachel Kryss, co-director of EVAWC. "Women's human rights — and we have rights to equality and not be discriminated against — all of those were being ignored."

Recent media investigations found one in three university women faced sexual harassment or assault and that schools had uneven or absent policies for tracking assaults.

In September 2015, amid mounting pressure, the U.K. business secretary ordered schools to investigate so-called "lad culture" on campuses. Universities U.K., the body representing executive heads, in March announced "an overwhelming need" to revise the Zellick rules. And this fall, it's expected to release its report and possibly a new set of stricter guidelines for schools.

"I don't think universities want to get this wrong," Kryss said. "I think they want to just know what they have to do."

Schools should not wait for the conclusion of a criminal investigation to begin their own investigation and, if needed, must take immediate steps to protect the student.



From a 2011 "Dear Colleague" directive released by the Obama administration

Though the U.K., U.S. and Canada have different legal systems, different legislation and different accountability mechanisms surrounding sexual assault on campus, the countries share one overarching similarity: institutional failure.

Survivors of sexual assault from schools in all three countries echo each other: The school dragged its heels, the school gave an excuse not to investigate and the school didn't tell the survivor the outcome of an investigation.

U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden has become a strident spokesperson for the "It's On Us" campaign



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From a 1994 report on U.K. university practices, led by Graham Zellick

gation. This means that legislation in and of itself isn't enough. Even in the face of laws, schools can and will fail to comply. And it shows the effects of systems with plenty of carrots and no meaningful sticks. No American school has ever lost federal funding over sexual-assault cases.

"Relying on human decency in this area is not the way to go," Dauber said.

About the series

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We have a problem; we need a plan.



U.S. ELECTION

Kaine slams 'selfish' Trump

Sen. Tim Kaine aggressively defended running mate Hillary Clinton's character, one of her chief campaign weaknesses, in Tuesday night's vice-presidential debate. He slammed Donald Trump as someone who "always puts himself first" and questioned how his No. 2 could stand by him.

"I can't imagine how Gov. Pence can defend the insult-driven, selfish, me-first style of Donald Trump," Kaine said of Indiana Gov. Mike Pence.

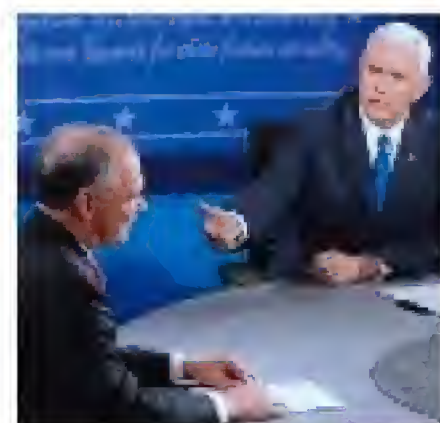
Pence, a mild-mannered Midwesterner, panned the Democratic ticket as promising frustrated Americans "more of the same." He said Trump would repeal President Barack Obama's signature health care law and noted former President Bill Clinton's criticism of the measure this week.

Kaine went on the attack from the start, repeatedly interrupting Pence, who remained calm and carried on with his answers. Kaine's approach actually mirrored that of Trump in last week's first presidential debate, when the Republican frequently jumped in while Clinton answered questions.

Kaine and Pence are far less familiar to most Americans than their running mates, who are among the most well-known figures in the country. Both vice-presidential candidates have spent years in politics, are well-liked by colleagues and are deeply religious.

While their performances were unlikely to dramatically change the way voters view Trump and Clinton, the nationally televised debate was nevertheless a spotlight opportunity for to introduce themselves to Americans, energize party loyalists and potentially sway the shrinking pool of undecided voters.

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Mike Pence, right, and Tim Kaine debate in Farmville, Va., on Tuesday. ANDREW GOMBERT/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Children are pictured in La Puya, Santo Domingo on Tuesday after Hurricane Matthew passed through Hispaniola — the island that the Dominican Republic shares with Haiti. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

'Everything is gone': Hurricane still rages

WEATHER

Matthew threatens U.S. as people rush to stock up

Hurricane Matthew slammed into Haiti's southwestern tip with howling, 145 mph winds Tuesday, tearing off roofs in the poor and largely rural area, uprooting trees and leaving rivers bloated and choked with debris. At least nine deaths were blamed on the storm during its week-long march across the Caribbean.

Forecasters said Matthew could hit Florida toward the end of the week and push its way up the East Coast over the weekend. The forecast triggered a rush by Americans to stock up on food, gasoline and other emergency supplies.

The dangerous Category 4 storm blew ashore around dawn in the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, hitting a corner of Haiti where many people live in shacks of wood or concrete blocks. It unloaded heavy rain as it swirled on toward a lightly populated part of Cuba and the Bahamas.

Damage in the hardest-hit part of Haiti appeared to be widespread, but because of poor communications, blocked roads and washed-out bridges, the full extent was not immediately clear.

At least three deaths were blamed on the storm in Haiti, including one person whose home was crushed by a tree in Port Salut and a 26-year-old man who drowned trying to rescue a child who had fallen into a rushing river, authorities said. The child was saved.

Four deaths were recorded in the neighbouring Dominican Republic and one each in

Colombia and in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Miliste Nelson, a 65-year-old farmer in the town of Leogane, said his neighbours fled when the wind ripped the corrugated metal roof from their home. His own small yard was strewn with the fruit he depends on for his livelihood.

"All the banana trees, all the mangos, everything is gone," Nelson said as he boiled breadfruit over a charcoal fire in the grey morning light.

In the U.S., Florida Gov. Rick Scott urged coastal residents to prepare for the possibility of a direct hit and line up three days' worth of supplies.

Americans raced to supermarkets, gas stations and hardware stores, buying up supplies. South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said she would issue an evacuation order Wednesday so that 1 million people would have time to leave the coast. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Aussies partying in skimpy briefs arrested

Nine Australians, including a government advisor, have been arrested in Malaysia for stripping down to their briefs and drinking beer from shoes after Australian driver Daniel Ricciardo won the Malaysian Formula One Grand Prix. Government officials said that adviser Jack Walker, was among the men aged 25 to 29 who were arrested after they stripped down to skivvies decorated with the Malaysian flag.

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SYRIA

Government presses in on Aleppo offensive

Forces backing Syrian President Bashar Assad pressed their offensive Tuesday on Aleppo's rebel-held zone from the south, after capturing areas on other fronts in recent days. As reinforcements arrived, including Shiite fighters from Iraq, the strategy appeared to be to retake rebel-held areas bit by bit, backed by massive Russian airpower, rather than risk a potentially costly all-out ground battle.

Tuesday's offensive on the

city's besieged rebel-held eastern neighbourhoods came a day after Washington suspended direct U.S.-Russian talks on a Syria ceasefire.

The latest tactic of whittling away at rebel-held areas of Aleppo rather than launching an all-out offensive has proved successful in the past: The government reasserted control of the suburbs of the capital, Damascus, and most of the central city of Homs using the strategy.

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Vancouver home sales plunged, report says

REAL ESTATE

Expert predicts prices to drop 10 per cent over coming year

Home prices in Metro Vancouver's once-surging real estate market are on the cusp of falling, housing experts say, as new figures show another month of plunging home sales in the region.

The Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver published a report on Tuesday revealing a 32.6 per cent drop in September home sales compared with the same month last year. That follows a 26 per cent year-over-year decline in August and a dip of about 19 per cent the previous month.

"This looks like the top of the hump," said Tom Davidoff, an economist at the University of British Columbia's Sauder



September home sales fell 32.6 per cent in Vancouver compared with the same month last year, a report says. THE CANADIAN PRESS

School of Business.

"Typically, before prices fall transaction volumes fall. It looks like that's the direction in which we're heading."

Government officials have been scrambling in recent months to cool Vancouver's sizzling real estate market, as surging prices continue to push home ownership further out of reach for the average resident.

Experts are divided on the reasons for the latest decline in sales.

Davidoff attributed the drop in large part to the provincial government's 15 per cent tax on foreign buyers that came into effect in August.

Signalling that foreign demand will be significantly stifled dampens the incentive locals have to rush into

the housing market, he said.

"Why would you (buy)?" Davidoff asked. "The only reason you'd do it is because you expect prices to grow. Well, if you think the foreign buyer's gone, that's off the table. So where's the demand now?"

Davidoff predicts housing prices will sink at least 10 per cent over the coming year.

September was the second month the 15 per cent tax applied to non-residents purchasing property in the city.

The real estate board said there were 2,253 homes sold last month, a steep dip from the 3,345 home sales recorded in September 2015. The drop was felt most acutely among detached homes, where sales declined 47.6 per cent when compared to the same period last year.

Attached-home sales decreased 32.2 per cent while condo sales slipped 20.3 per cent.

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TECHNOLOGY

Google unveiling new smart devices



Irene Kuan
Metro | Toronto

Google is making an ambitious push into the hardware space, with the launch of a parade of products, from a new smartphone, as well as a virtual reality headset, an improved Chromecast video streaming device, a Wifi router and a smart speaker called Google Home.

The sleek-looking smartphone, branded Pixel, is the tech-giant's first foray into making its own phones and will come pre-installed with Google virtual assistant, a voice activated service similar

to Apple's Siri and Amazon's Alexa, which will be a central component for all its devices.

Google CEO Sundar Pichai, who kicked off the event Tuesday in San Francisco, described the assistant as "a personal Google for each and every user." The company hopes to compete with top rivals Apple and Samsung, who have long dominated the hardware market, with Samsung being the biggest smartphone maker using Google's Android operating system.

Rick Osterloh, Google's new head of hardware said Pixel is "the best of Google smarts combined to make the best of the user experience."



Google pushes deep into hardware with new Wifi, Chromecast, Home, and Pixel smartphone devices. GETTY IMAGES

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PAUL WELLS ON CHANGES IN THE SENATE

Trudeau's 2014 changes are likely to be permanent. The very thought is making some old-time senators frisky.



It is only fair to let you know there are rumblings from the Senate. "I think that what you're seeing here is a transformation," Sen. Thomas Johnson McInnis told a roomful of reporters on Tuesday. "What you have here are independent thinkers."

Sen. McInnis is a former minister of this and that in the interminable Nova Scotia Progressive Conservative government of John Buchanan, who retired in 1990, and in the less durable administration of Buchanan's successor, Roland Thornhill. He ran federally in Dartmouth in 2009, in what would turn out to be the last election the Progressive Conservatives ever contested, and the result for him was not better than the result for most candidates from his party that year.

Stephen Harper put McInnis in the Senate in September of 2012. Two months later, the Ottawa Citizen started asking questions about Mike Duffy's housing expenses, and life just hasn't been very fun up there in the Red Chamber ever since.

But perhaps that is changing. Duffy was acquitted on all charges. Charges against Patrick Brazeau were dropped, and none will be pressed against Pamela Wallin. But most important, the very composition of the Senate is — maybe! arguably! — changing under Justin Trudeau.

In January 2014, without a day's warning, Trudeau kicked every Liberal senator out of the party's national caucus in Ottawa. The move was widely dismissed as rookie theatrics from a man who didn't understand Parliament. In March of this year, freshly in office as prime minister, Trudeau appointed seven new senators and told them they could vote and speak as they pleased. He will soon name 20 more. Suddenly for the first time, these nominal independents will outnumber Conservatives and the remaining Liberals-without-a-caucus.

What does it all mean? You'll be relieved to know a special Senate committee has been on the case. It's had "passionate discussion, if not outright argument and debate,"

McInnis said. Oh, you scamps. Its conclusions?

Well, on the big questions, you'll just have to wait. Senators are not in the habit of rushing. They released only the first of two reports on Tuesday, and it's the second that will answer the crucial question facing a post-Trudeau Senate: if nobody in the place is beholden to a Liberal government, what's the nature of its obligation to pass legislation passed by the elected House of Commons?

Tuesday's interim recommendations addressed less fundamental questions in ways that still managed to be entertaining. The Senate's proceedings should at last be televised and webcast, they said.

If the Commons sends up an omnibus bill to change a few dozen disparate laws at once, senators should be able to chop it into bits and consider them separately.

And, finally, any decent-sized group of senators (nine or more) who want to sit in any durable combination should be recognized as a "caucus," with budget and

staffing to match.

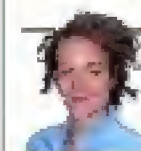
These changes are likely to make Trudeau's 2014 changes permanent. There might be groups with internal cohesion in the Senate, but they need bear no particular relation to the makeup of the Commons. The very thought of it is making some old-time senators frisky. Serge Joyal, who was a Liberal for decades but is now, well, a Liberal — terminology is tricky up there — said that, from the moment he was no longer welcome in Trudeau's caucus room, "Ben, il y a, comme on dit en anglais, 'No strings attached.'"

How will laws get passed? There used to be room for quiet tradeoffs in government caucus meetings, Joyal said. Now there'll have to be open bargaining between Liberals and... these people. "It's about power," Joyal said. "As my mother would say to me, don't try to show to an old monkey how to make faces." I felt a sudden pang of regret that I never met Serge Joyal's mother.

Justin Trudeau's Senate upheaval foreshadowed, as we are now seeing, his management style in general. He may take a long time to decide, but when he does, you sure notice the decision. If there are noses out of joint, let them be out of joint. It's how he replaced one Clerk of the Privy Council with another. It's how he made climate policy this week. The announcement takes only a minute.

The consequences take years to play out.

Is 'politically correct elitism' a bad thing?



Rosemary Westwood
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When Conservative leadership candidate Kellie Leitch launched another fundraising push last month, she called for bravery among her fellow conservatives.

"Together we will stand up to those who don't want to discuss Canadian values and whose politically correct elitism remains tone deaf to the views of most Canadians," she wrote in an email, referencing her plan to screen immigrants for "anti-Canadian values."

It's proved an ineloquent but revealing sentence.

To begin with, "Canadian values" don't mean indigenous values, obviously. They mean white, colonial values. And, as it turns out, most Canadians really do seem worried about the integration of immigrants.

A full 68 per cent of Canadians want immigrants to "do more" to fit in, compared to only 53 per cent of Americans, according to an Angus Reid Institute/CBC survey released this week.

Sixty-eight per cent, up by more than 11 points since 1993. Angus Reid executive director Shachi Kurl said the increased desire for more assimilation "is something that bears watching, particularly because that view has hardened over the last 25 years."

A question we never ask of polling data, though, is whether those majority views are really worth defending. Or, to use Leitch's words: Is "pol-

itically correct elitism" really that bad? Could it be just a basic call to lean towards, oh, I don't know, human decency over fear-mongering, racism and xenophobia? Calling out "politically correct elitism" was Step 1 in the Donald J Trump Manual for How to Get Away with Hate Speech — is it a great card to play here?

As for whether evil left-wing sorcerers are controlling us all like ventriloquists, let's examine the reality, shall we? The reality is we are in the middle of a new era of race and identity conversations in Canada. In just the last month:

A police officer and a black man in Greater Toronto "swapped lives" for a day for a CBC news report.

Vancouver CKNW radio host Ian Power turned a segment on immigration into personal complaints about being white in a mostly non-white neighbourhood.

A Globe and Mail investigation discovered Maryam Monsef was born in Iran, not Afghanistan, and criticisms of birtherism arose north of the border. The Globe and Mail also launched a podcast on race, called Colour Code.

That's not to mention Black Lives Matter or the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry or many, many other examples.

Undoubtedly, as Leitch puts out the call for money, she's playing to fears of what Canada will look like in 50 years, when immigration trends will almost certainly push white Canadians out of the majority.

A crucial question to ask but, crucially, not one to fear.

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All dressed for Thanksgiving

STUFFING

Two exotic twists on a dish that's a turkey dinner staple

Stuffing often gets a bad rap for being too dry, too fatty, too soggy, or too bland. If that's been the case at your Thanksgiving feasts, consider switching out certain ingredients to better suit your expanding tastes.

Here are two distinct flavours to tempt your taste buds: spinach and paneer from Southern Asia and rice with chestnuts and shiitake from Eastern Asia.

Hemant Bhagwani's Spinach-Paneer stuffing
Key ingredients: Spinach, paneer, garam masala

Bored of the traditional turkey dinner, Hemant Bhagwani's friends turned to Toronto's Indian Street Food Co. and Amaya Express owner to punch up the flavours of their usual Thanksgiving feast.

Ingredients (for the rice):

- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) basmati rice
- 3 cups (750 mL) water
- 1 pinch saffron threads or 1/4 tsp (1 mL) ground turmeric

Directions:

1. In a medium-sized pot over medium heat, bring rice, water and saffron to a boil. Cover and reduce heat to medium-low on a gentle simmer. Continue to simmer until rice is tender. Remove lid and fluff with fork.

Ingredients (for the spinach-paneer stuffing):

- 2 tbsp (30 mL) canola or vegetable oil
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) cumin seeds
- 1 minced green Thai chili
- 4 minced garlic cloves
- 1 finely chopped large Spanish onion
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) finely chopped fresh ginger
- 8 cups (2 L) fresh spinach leaves
- 3/4 tsp (3 mL) salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) garam masala
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) finely chopped dried apricots



Tired of the same old stuffing every year? Why not try these new dishes inspired by flavours from around the world. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

- 1/2 cup (125 mL) grated paneer

Directions:

1. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil. Add cumin and chili and sauté till fragrant, about 3 minutes. Add garlic, onion and ginger. Continue to cook for 5 minutes, or until onions become translucent.
2. Add spinach, salt, garam masala, and apricots. Continue cook until spinach wilts.
3. Mix spinach mixture with rice. Toss in grated paneer.
4. Serve immediately, stuff in turkey before roasting, or keep warm in oven at 200F (100 C) until ready to serve.

Jonathan Poon's Chinese Sausage and Sticky Rice
Key ingredients: Dried shiitake, chestnuts, Chinese sausage

Chef Jonathan Poon of To-

ronto's Bar Fancy didn't celebrate Thanksgiving as a kid, but he did make stuffing for his family at Christmas, and he'd take cues from a dim sum staple: sticky rice with braised soy sauce chicken and Chinese sausage. This is a take on Poon's sticky rice stuffing.

Ingredients (for the rice):

- 2 cups (500 mL) white glutinous rice, rinsed
- 2 1/2 cups (625 mL) cold water
- In a large pot, soak rice in water for 30 minutes.

Directions:

1. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Cover and reduce heat to medium-low and let simmer until liquid has been absorbed. Fluff with fork.

Ingredients (for the chicken):

- 3/4 cup (180 mL) dried shiitake

- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) boiling water
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) minced fresh ginger
- 1 minced garlic clove
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) light Chinese soy sauce
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) dark Chinese soy sauce
- 1 cup (250 mL) water
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) roasted, peeled chestnuts, plus another 1/4 cup (60 mL) for garnish
- 1 1/2 lbs (680g) chicken legs, skin on, bone in
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) finely

diced Chinese sausage

Directions:

1. Submerge shiitake in a bowl of boiling water. Cover with plastic wrap and let sit for 20 minutes. Strain and reserve liquid. Discard stems. Slice mushrooms. Set aside.
2. In a medium-sized pan over medium heat, stir together reserved mushroom liquid, sliced mushrooms, ginger, garlic, light soy sauce, dark soy sauce, water, brown sugar, salt and

1/2 cup chestnuts. Add chicken legs in a single layer in pan. Cover, bring to a boil.
3. Turn heat down to medium and simmer until chicken is fully cooked, about 30 mins.
4. Remove chicken from pan. Remove skin and shred meat. Discard bones and skin. Add shredded meat back to liquid mixture. Continue cooking until most liquid evaporates.
5. Add mixture to cooked sticky rice. Mix.
6. Wipe pan. Sauté Chinese sausage until fragrant and translucent, three minutes. Add sausage and drippings to rice. Mix until well combined.

7. Serve immediately, stuff in turkey before roasting or keep warm in oven at 200 F (100 C) until ready to serve.

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PARIS FASHION WEEK REACTS TO KIM KARDASHIAN ATTACK

Fench police were still hunting on Tuesday for five people suspected of assaulting Kim Kardashian West in a private Paris residence before robbing her of more than \$10 million worth of jewelry. Concerns around the ordeal continued to dominate Paris Fashion Week. Celebs had a lot to say about the crime, including fashion icon Karl Lagerfeld who lambasted Kardashian for being too flashy with her money. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Chanel's couturier suggested to AP that Kardashian was partly to blame for the heist.

"(She is) too public, too public — we have to see in what time we live. You cannot display your wealth then be surprised that some people want to share it," Lagerfeld said after the Chanel show.

"I don't understand why (Kardashian) was in a hotel with no security and things like this. If you are that famous and you put all your jewelry on the net you go to hotels where nobody can come near to the room," he added.

The U.S. singer who arrived in Paris hours after Kardashian was tied up and robbed — and is familiar with the residence it occurred in — says he's defiant in the face of the crime.

"I feel more secure than ever, absolutely (safe)," said the 37-year-old singer, who told the AP he has stayed in the place where the heist occurred.

The No Address Hotel or L'Hotel de Pourtales, is a favourite of A-list celebrities, with past guests reportedly including Leonardo DiCaprio, Prince, Madonna, Jay-Z and Beyonce.



Courtney Love, who sat next to Kardashian at the Givenchy show on the eve of the robbery, spoke of her profound shock. But she said that it wouldn't make her reconsider coming back to the City of Light.

"As a friend of hers, I feel very horrified ... I don't know what went on with security," said Love, who is at fashion week with her daughter, Frances Bean Cobain.

"It was terrible. ... (But) I don't see the underbelly so much. Maybe I should more. It's a bubble for me," Love said.





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Volunteers co-tutor with counterparts worldwide

Shane Gibson

It's not just here at home where Manitoba teachers are making a big difference in the lives of students.

Every year, a handful of teachers from the Keystone Province spend their summer vacations travelling around the world to help developing nations make improvements

to their education systems.

"They do all manner of things from offering professional development activities, right through to literally building schools," says James Bedford, vice-president of the Manitoba Teachers' Society (MTS), which provides the funding needed to send five of their members on the international development trips every summer. "It's a hugely rewarding experience, and of course, they come back and share their stories about what education looks like in different parts of the world."

The initiative, called Project Overseas, is run in conjunction with the Canadian Teachers' Federation, and every year sees nearly 60 teachers from

across the country travel to roughly a dozen different countries.

The initiative has been operating since 1962, and over that time more than 2,000 Canadian teachers have taken part to help out in roughly 50 countries in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and the Caribbean, according to the Canadian Teachers' Federation.

During the summer the volunteer teachers work as co-tutors with their colleagues overseas to strengthen their competence as teachers, help overseas teacher organizations provide professional services to their members, and they work to encourage gender equality in schools.

And it's not just the stu-

dents and teachers in those countries who benefit from the experience.

Bedford says the teachers from Manitoba who take have taken part over the years often include their students back at home in the trip.

"I know when my colleague travels she takes school supplies with her that have been collected by the students in her classroom and within her school because not everywhere in the world can they afford what we would consider basic school supplies," he says. "We bring the experiences back to our classrooms and it reminds our students that in some parts of the world there are students who are a little less fortunate."



The Manitoba Teachers' Society sends five members on international development trips every summer. CONTRIBUTED

+ WE ASKED WHICH TEACHER INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?



"The teacher who had the biggest impact on me was one of my high school English teachers. He was engaging, and made sure we were interested in what we were learning."

— Mike Sherby



"An English teacher I had back in Grade 10, Ken Fehr. He really appreciated a lot of the work I did and he encouraged me a lot. I don't think I'd be the same person I am today if it wasn't for him."

— Seamus McKelvey

Celebrating our educators

Teachers spend every day of the school year helping our children to learn and grow, and World Teachers' Day is the one day a year we can stop to thank educators for the difference they make.

The United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) officially proclaimed Oct. 5 to be World Teachers' Day back in 1994, and every year since events have been held on that day around the world to celebrate teachers, including here in Winnipeg.

"It is good that we reflect at least one day a year — not only with our colleagues in the province — but really with our colleagues around the world," says Manitoba Teachers' Society (MTS) vice-president James Bedford, who taught high school science for two decades.

"It's a fun job, and working with kids is one most enjoyable and rewarding things we get to do as teachers."

The fifth of October was chosen for World Teachers' Day to mark the day in 1966 when a special intergovernmental conference convened by UNESCO in Paris first adopted the UNESCO-ILO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers. The recommendation has served as a charter of rights for teachers around the world ever since, according to the website for Educational International, the global federation that represents teachers and education workers worldwide.

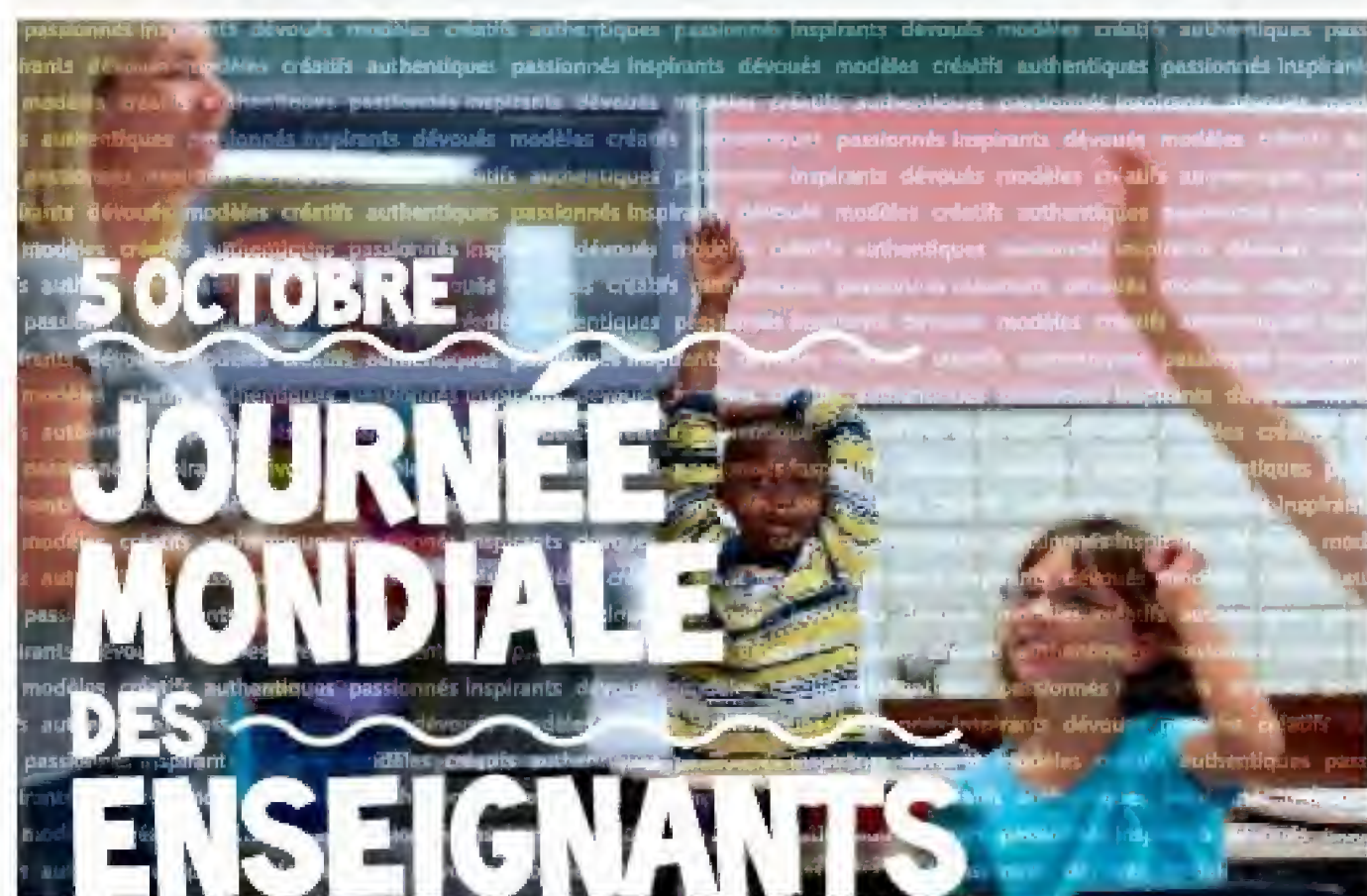
"It's an important day because it links the idea that teaching is a common thing around the world," explains Bedford. "It reminds us that

we have teaching colleagues in every corner of the world and most of them think very much the same way about the things that we think are important."

The Manitoba Teachers' Society has launched a social media campaign to mark World Teachers' Day this year, and Manitobans are encouraged write about their most influential teachers on the MTS Twitter account (@mbteachers) using the hashtag #worldteachersday.

"When you're a teacher, hearing about people's favourite teachers is often a natural part of conversations... and the advent of social media allows us to take it to another level," says Bedford. "It's hard to find anyone who can't think back and remember a teacher who had an impact on their lives."

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James Bedford, vice-president of The Manitoba Teachers' Society, hands out books to children at this year's Teddy Bears' Picnic in Assiniboine Park. CONTRIBUTED



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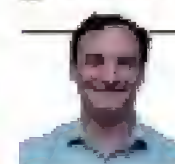
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Building a better minivan



REVIEW

New Pacifica far superior to its predecessor



Jonathan Yarkony
AutoGuide.com

You might think that minivans are going extinct with the rate at which everyone is jumping on the SUV bandwagon, but minivan sales were booming in the first half of 2016, and the all-new Chrysler Pacifica just hit dealer lots in May. It should be a big second half and possibly the best year since 2008 for minivans.

Some of you may recall the Pacifica name from an early (failed) crossover experiment in Chrysler's past, but this is something entirely different: This is the replacement for the Town & Country minivan, while Dodge's Grand Caravan continues on largely unchanged.

The platform is entirely new, using aluminum, magnesium and high-strength steel in key locations to make a lighter, stiffer frame, and the 3.6L Pentastar V6 is paired with Chrysler's new nine-speed automatic transmission, all of which should contribute to much-improved fuel economy. There is also a boatload of new tech on board, from a back-up camera and touch-screen display on base models to hands-free tailgate and driving assistance systems like lane

departure warning and adaptive cruise control.

However, it's what hasn't changed that makes minivans great for families, and some standout features from Chrysler that make it a great minivan.

The trunk behind the third row alone has a whopping 915 litres with a deep well that means you can easily pack in running strollers, a couple bikes and other bulky items.

Of course, Chrysler minivans' claim to fame is Stow 'n' Go seats that collapse into the floor, which is standard for both rows in the Pacifica. Dropping the third row is as easy as yanking a strap and letting gravity do all the hard work. Getting them back up requires a bit more muscle, but is still plenty easy.

Quality, long a sore spot for FCA minivans is much improved, with convincing leather seats, carpeted cargo area, and soft-touch dash.

Out on the road, the Pacifica's mission is built right into its name, with a smooth ride and silky powertrain that provides a peaceful and quiet cabin in any situation. Its mission is comfort first, second and third, with a suspension that soaks up any road imperfections short of a bomb crater, and a transmission that shifts imperceptibly.

Despite a price tag for top trims that many just won't be able to accept, the Pacifica is a massive leap forward for Chrysler and minivans. It's stylish enough to draw attention from unexpected sources and has enough technology to satisfy today's demanding consumers.

THE CHECKLIST | 2017 CHRYSLER PACIFICA

THE BASICS

Engine: 3.6-litre V6
Power: 287 Horsepower, 36 kg-m torque
Transmission: Nine-speed automatic
Fuel Economy (L/100 km): 12.9 city, 8.4 highway, 10.9 combined
Price: Starts at \$41,930



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- Steep price
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ENVIRONMENT

Electrics touted, but await their moment

When will electric-powered cars become a practical choice for ordinary people? The question hangs in the air at the Paris auto show, where Volkswagen, Mercedes-Benz and General Motors are showing off electric cars they hope are the on-ramp to a profitable future.

The raft of new vehicles lends buzz to electric cars. But earlier over-optimistic predictions have also bred skepticism.

Volkswagen compared its I.D. electric compact to its historic Beetle and mainstay

Golf models and said it was the leading edge of 30 new electric models it plans to put out by 2025.

Daimler AG CEO Dieter Zetsche looked more Silicon Valley than Stuttgart, wearing faded jeans and sneakers to tout the Mercedes-Benz EQ, a battery-powered crossover SUV concept. The vehicle aims to illustrate the company's longer term strategy that connects electric cars with other new technology, such as autonomous driving and vehicle sharing.

Zetsche said the company

aimed for 10 electric vehicles by 2025, making up 15 to 25 per cent of global sales — a bold prediction he immediately tempered by saying that was based on "continued development of infrastructure and customer preferences."

He said "we need to prepare ourselves with all our resources for electric mobility as a mass phenomenon" yet remain flexible if demand is lower — or even higher — than predicted.

General Motors Co.'s European division Opel is showing off the Ampera-e, a rebadged

version of the Chevrolet Bolt.

However, for now, the limited range and higher costs mean battery-powered vehicles have little attraction for regular folks trying to get the most for their money. They remain largely a niche market, often for people enthusiastic about new technology or the environment, and with the extra disposable income to act on that.

The Palo Alto, Calif.-based Tesla has won attention with rising sales of electrics to well-heeled customers — but loses money. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



France's Minister for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy Segolene Royal (C) examines a Twizy 45 Renault electric car during the Paris Motor Show. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

2018 Audi TT RS

After a hiatus of several years, Audi will launch the second-generation TT RS next summer, likely as a 2018 model, for somewhere around the \$75,000 mark. At that price, it has its sights set squarely on such notable sports cars as the Porsche 718 Cayman and BMW M2. To even be considered in that company, Audi pulled out all the stops to create something competitive but distinct. **JONATHAN YARKONY** AUTOGUIDE.COM

1 Engine

Although this 2.5-litre five-cylinder has the same displacement and core design as the one in the previous TT RS, it is completely new, starting from an aluminum block that replaces the iron block, and using magnesium, molybdenum and other light-weight metals and construction to save a total of 26 kilograms in the engine.

2 Power

All these tricks combine to deliver 400 horsepower at 5,850 rpm, and an unnaturally flat torque line of 49 kilogram-metres.

3 Steering

The adaptive steering gets quicker as you progress into your turn, and the car tracks well into corners, making easy work of tucking the car right into the apex and slowly leading the car out of the turn as you get back on the gas or quickly turn back the other way in any esses. However, there were times when the transmission could have dropped one more gear to keep the engine in its peak power band, but switching to manual mode means you can anticipate the necessary gear changes on a familiar track.

4 Seats

The seats were also a perfect fit, and some models featured adjustable torso bolsters so that once you settle in, you can lock yourself into place for spirited driving.

5 Wheels

Quattro all-wheel drive has been a hallmark on Audi's sporting cars since the famed Quattro Group B Rally car dominated the WRC in 1984, lending its aura of invincibility to the Quattro and Quattro Sport road cars of the '80s, which were also powered by turbocharged five-cylinders. Audi bumped up the rubber compound from the stock Pirelli P Zero to P Zero Corsa. That extra grip allowed us to feel even more acutely the way the car shifts power to the rear axle when beginning to understeer.



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MLB PLAYOFFS BATTLE OF THE BIRDS GOES LONG Blue Jays centre-fielder Kevin Pillar makes a diving catch against the Orioles during the American League wild-card game in Toronto on Tuesday night. The two teams went into extra innings tied 2-2. Go to metronews.ca for the story. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Cubs tab Lester to start Game 1 of their NLDS

Jon Lester will start the Chicago Cubs' playoff opener.

Manager Joe Maddon announced Tuesday he was going with Lester over Kyle Hendricks and 2015 NL Cy Young Award winner Jake Arrieta in Game 1 of the NLDS against the New York Mets or San Francisco Giants. The series opens at Wrigley Field on Friday, with the Cubs' sights set on winning their

first World Series since 1908 after leading the majors with 103 wins. Lester (19-5) was second in the majors to Hendricks with a 2.44 ERA. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tebow moves on to Arizona Fall League with Mets

Tim Tebow will test his baseball skills against some of the game's premier prospects.

The New York Mets announced they are sending Tebow to the Arizona Fall

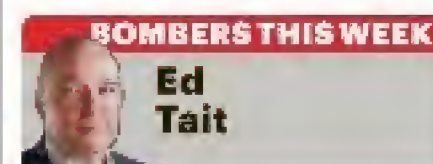
League after cutting short their instructional league Tuesday with Hurricane Matthew approaching Florida. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Simmons undergoes foot surgery, 76ers say

The Philadelphia 76ers announced Tuesday No. 1 overall pick Ben Simmons has had surgery to repair a broken bone in his right foot.

There is no timetable yet for his return. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

All roads go through West



BOMBERS THIS WEEK

Ed Tait

There's a theory about the Winnipeg Blue Bombers being floated out there right now that yours truly thinks the football team should put out of sight and out of mind ASAP.

Now, let's be clear here before we proceed any further: absolutely no one in the Bombers clubhouse is talking about a crossover-playoff spot — where the fourth-place finisher in the West Division crosses over to the East for the post-season should it have a better record than the third-place team in the East Division.

The crossover case has legs, given the four best teams in the Canadian Football League — by record, at least — all currently reside in the West in Calgary, B.C., Winnipeg and Edmonton.

And so heading east for the playoffs would mean a West Division squad would have to win two road games to advance to the Grey Cup, but the prospects of winning in Hamilton and Ottawa, for example, look a lot less daunting than trying to escape both Vancouver and Calgary with a post-season victory.

Here's what you should

know about all that: the Bombers are fixated solely right now on the Lions, the team they trail for second spot in the West by two points and their opponent in an upcoming home-and-home series over the next couple of weeks.

A sweep of B.C. (9-4) would see the Bombers (8-6) leapfrog into second spot in the West and give them the critical tiebreaker if they finish the regular season with the same record as the Lions.

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The number of times a crossover team from the West has advanced to play in the Grey Cup.

And yet it was in the wake of the Bombers second straight loss last Friday — a 40-26 setback in which some previously glossed-over flaws were exposed again by the Eskimos — that this crossover theory gained some serious traction.

If you watched even a couple of series of the Montreal Alouettes' win over the Toronto Argonauts on Sunday or saw the Tiger-Cats lose QB Zach Collaros, again, in a loss to the Stamps on Saturday,

the notion of changing neighbourhoods for a playoff run certainly looks tasty.

It's worth noting here, however, that none of the previous eight crossover teams since the format's inception in 1997 — the Lions of '97, '03, '09 and '14; the Saskatchewan Roughriders in '02 and '05 and the Eskimos in '08 and '12 — have advanced to the Grey Cup and only twice in those eight years have they even made it to the East Final.

That doesn't mean the Bombers can't change the math here. After all, they have already slayed some demons this season by winning in Edmonton for the first time in 10 years and ending a long Labour Day Classic drought. And who's to say they couldn't do the same again come November.

But there's also a smoke-and-mirrors feel to the crossover; a cheapness, if you will.

Besides, finishing fourth in the West and then heading East just seems to prolong the inevitable: to go deep into the playoffs the Bombers are going to knock off the Stamps, Lions or surging Eskimos, sooner or later.

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RECIPE Roasted Butternut Squash and Pear Soup



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Butternut squash soup gets added sweetness from a pear purée.

Ready in 1 hour 20 minutes

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 1 hour 10 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients

- 2 lb. Butternut Squash, peeled, seeded and cut into 2 inch chunks
- 3 shallots, quartered
- 3 heirloom carrots, cut length-wise and then in half
- 2 cloves garlic
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1/2 tsp salt, divided
- 3 cups vegetable broth
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup apple cider or water
- 3/4 cup pear purée
- Sour cream or Greek style yogurt for garnish

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400. Place squash, shallots, carrots and garlic in a large bowl and toss with olive oil and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Spread vegetables on a large, rimmed baking sheet and roast 50 to 55 minutes, or until vegetables are fork tender. Let cool for 5 minutes.
2. Place vegetables and 2 cups of the vegetable broth into a blender or food processor and puree until smooth.
3. Pour the purée into a large saucepan over medium-low heat and stir in the last cup of broth, milk, water or apple cider, pear purée and the remaining salt.
4. Allow the soup to cook until hot for about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
5. Serve with a dollop of Greek style yogurt or sour cream mixed into soup.

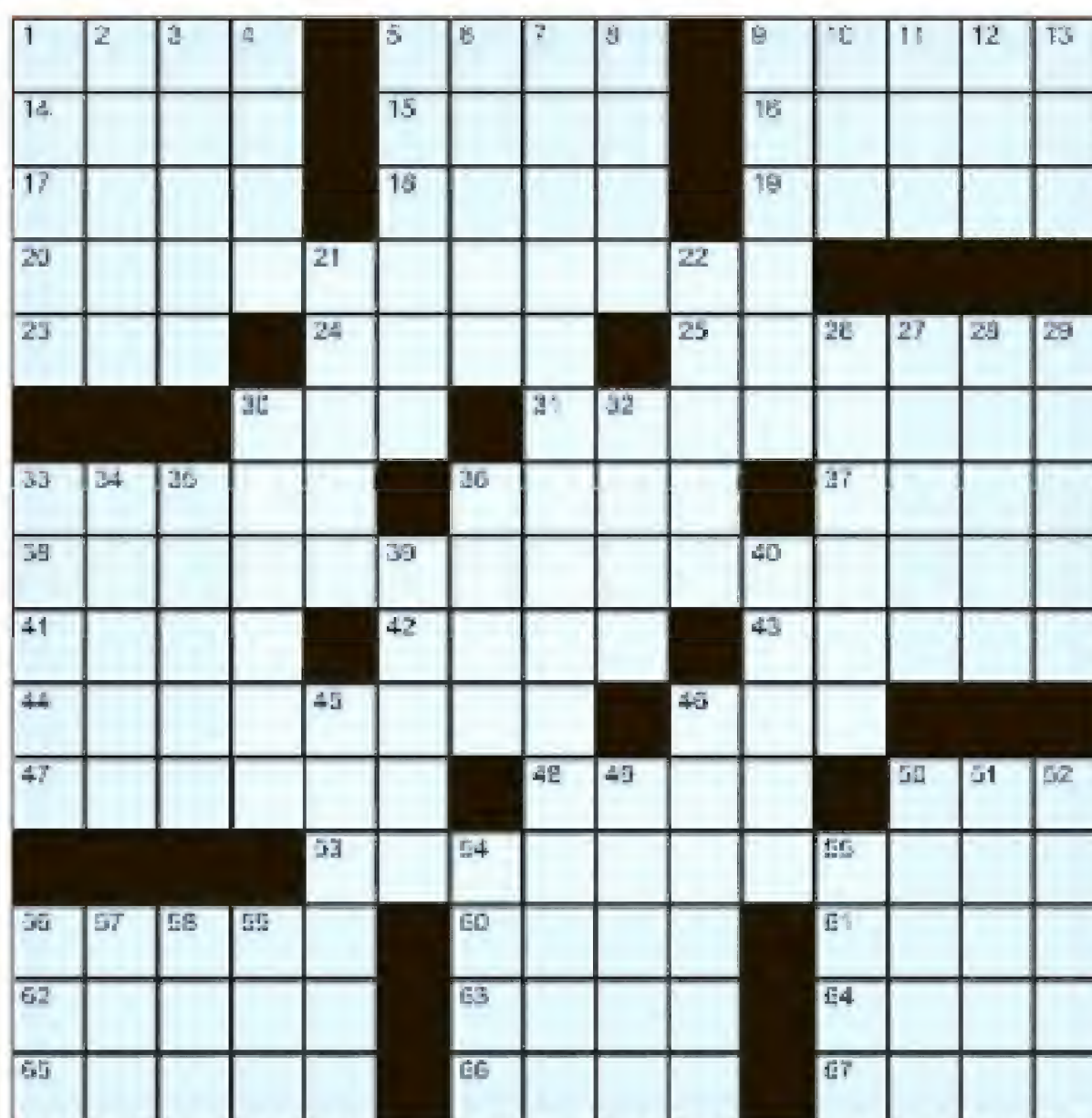
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. Pillow cover
5. Medic who's missing the 'OR'?
9. Loans
14. Parrot's waxy beak part
15. Beige
16. Anticipate
17. Portion
18. Belonging to Jay Z's wife, fun-style
19. Kaley's "The Big Bang Theory" character
20. The Prairies = Canada's
23. Be under the weather
24. "It __ Me Babe" by The Turtles
25. __ yogurt
30. Charlemagne's 11th domain
31. Resort city of Mexico
33. Start
36. Smudge
37. Industrial region of Germany
38. Firearm used by French explorer to Canada Samuel de Champlain: 2 wds.
41. Ancient city of Japan
42. Tortoise's competitor
43. Olde-style rewards
44. Set off
46. "The Dark Knight" (2008) star ...his initials=sharers
47. Tree types
48. Fight
50. Whiz's pal
53. Incredibly interesting
56. "Any Time __"



60. Prince Michael of __ (Queen Elizabeth's cousin)
61. Food thickener
62. CCR's "Born on the __"
63. " __ the Woods" (2014) starring Meryl Streep

64. Purplish
65. Folie __ (Foolishness shared by two)
66. Eminem song
67. Cobblestone

DOWN

1. __ diving
2. French artist, __

3. Princess in "The Little Mermaid" (1989)
4. Prefix to 'morphosis'
5. Carrie Fisher's mother Ms. Reynolds
6. __ liner
7. __ Beach Provincial Park, in Sambro Creek,

8. 1979 Fleetwood Mac album
9. Modern day typewriter
10. SHE-ep
11. Bert Bobbsey's twin
12. Rumpus
13. Trough locale

21. Sci-Fi villain Vader
22. Provide with weapons
26. Hospital heroines and heroes
27. Outlandish occurrence
28. Hurt
29. Wrongdoings, in law
30. __ Strait (British Columbia body of water)
32. Veggie in a salad or a tea party sandwich, fun-style
33. "Labor __ Vin-cit" (Oklahoma's state motto)
34. Types of flatbread
35. Remove the furniture paint
36. Ship
39. Capital of Tibet
40. Space shadow
45. Arrival, as crowds of people
48. Uri, for William Tell
49. One of Columbus' ships in 1492
50. Lively old dance of France
51. Pass, as law
52. Type of heron
54. Enjoys the winter resort
55. 1981 Tom Cruise movie
56. Lawyers org. in The States
57. Smidgen
58. "Absolute-ly", at sea
59. Mr. Reed

*** IT'S ALL IN THE STARS** Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You are ambitious today! You have big plans to do big things in a big way, and you want big recognition for your efforts.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You are excited about big travel plans for the future. Or perhaps your big ideas are about exploring opportunities in higher education, publishing, the media, medicine and the law.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You will be confident when it comes to deciding how to share something today, like an inheritance. Be careful you are not so cocky that you give away the farm.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If you have a conflict with a close friend or partner today, you might be overbearing. This is because you believe in what you want, and you believe you will get it!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You can accomplish a lot today because you are energetic, enthusiastic and confident. This state of mind is all you need to get great results.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Romance is strong today because your desiring nature is strong. However, you actively will seek out amusement and fun diversions. It's a great day for competitive sports!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You are willing to move mountains to achieve what you want at home, especially regarding redecorating projects or renovations. (Librans care about how their home looks.)

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You are so confident in your communications with others today that you will succeed in sales, marketing, teaching, acting and writing. You're the poster child for the power of positive thinking.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You are willing to work hard to earn money today. You're ready to spend your money, as well! You've got big ideas that you intend to put into action.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Today your energy level is high! This is why you will accomplish a great deal and bring certain projects to a successful conclusion. Go, go, go!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If you work alone or behind the scenes today, you will feel happy. You will be proud of your achievements and hopeful for big results down the road.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Your ability to work in conjunction with others today is top-notch. Your enthusiasm and energy will make you the leader of the pack.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

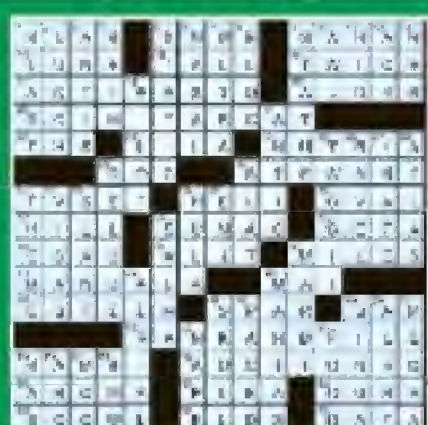
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